

Mansfield Public Schools

Board of Education Update

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Information regarding the current status of the Mansfield Public Schools: items, issues, challenges, and opportunities district staff addressed during the month, as well as upcoming district and school events.

Enrollment

Gr.	GW		SE		VN		MMS	
		+/-*		+/-*		+/-*		+/-*
PK	21	3/2	25	5/1	26	8/1		
K	37	3/6	41	0/1	35	2/2		
1	33	4/6	41	1/3	51	3/0		
2	32	3/1	51	4/5	50	3/1		
3	36	3/2	51	1/0	50	2/1		
4	40	2/0	38	2/1	48	3/0		
5							142	6/4
6							141	4/4
7							137	2/3
8							164	5/3
# Boys	108		126		136		300	
# Girls	92		120		124		284	
Total	200	+1	246	0	260	+16	584	+3

*Entries/Withdrawals

- Homeschool year to date total: 6 families with 12 students.

	GW	SE	VN	MMS	District
Immigrant Children*	5	3	2	3	13
ELL**	7	5	3	8	23

*Eligible immigrant children are defined as a) ages 3-21 enrolled full-time in school, b) not born in any state, c) have not been attending 1 or more schools in 1 or more states for more than 3 full academic years.

**English Language Learners

Budget

- Administered account for additional supplemental instruction that will be held outside the regular school day.
- Food Service Comparison:

Aug. – June 2007-2008		Aug. – June 2008-2009	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
104,788	141,856	99,415	146,104

Personnel

	Certified	Non-Certified
Retirements	1	2
Resignations	1	4
Requests for Leave	0	0
New Hires	0	0
Reduction in Force	1	4

- Board ratified UPSEU contract pending union ratification.
- Provided information to the MBOE regarding individuals not represented by collective bargaining units.
- Facilitated meeting with selected staff regarding RIF as well as disciplinary hearing.
- Participated in district selection committees.

Connecticut Mastery Test – Fourth Generation Results

#/% of students at/above goal

Grade	Math	Writing	Reading	Science
3 – 122	96/78.7%	95/77.9%	83/68%	-----
4 – 132	92/69.7%	95/73.1%	89/68.5%	-----
5 – 141	115/81.6%	116/84.1%	109/77.3%	121/85.8%
6 – 136	103/75.7%	92/67.6%	106/78.5%	-----
7 – 159	126/79.7%	125/78.6%	135/86%	-----
8 – 150	150/74.5%	119/78.5%	125/83.9%	127/84.7%

- Students not reaching goal in one or more areas: (current grade)

Gr. 4 – 51/41%	Gr. 7 – 59/43.4%
Gr. 5 – 64/48.5%	Gr. 8 – 49/30.6%
Gr. 6 – 49/34.8%	Gr. 9 – 37/30%

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Conducted staff meeting at each school on Response to Intervention/Scientific Research-Based Interventions (RTI/SRBI).
- Facilitated curriculum evaluations and school site visits in Math, PE, FCS, and IT with Region 19.
- Continued Study Island software program for all district grade 3 and 4 students to use both at school and at home as the result of a Liberty Bank Grant.
- Received follow-up information and pricing from Dr. Margie Gillis and Margaret Marinelli from Haskins Laboratory and reviewed with principals via phone conference call.
- Distributed 09-10 internship, student teacher, and practicum placements to staff.
- Provide MBOE information regarding teacher evaluation program.

Policies

- Conducted Wellness Policy Committee staff survey on revisions to Wellness Policy

Building and Grounds

- Implemented initial remedy for Vinton playscape.
- Attended MMS Fuel Conversion weekly meetings regarding project implementation to include addressing asbestos found in back of bookcases.
- Piloted use of an air conditioner on MMS 2nd floor.
- Monitored resolution regarding rain leaking on occasion into Mansfield Middle School library.
- Continued composting at all 4 schools.
- Continued delivery of Federal Surplus Food Program to all four schools.
- Conducted Facilities Management/Personnel meeting.
- Monitored remediation of Southeast Multi-Purpose Room sound system.
- Facilitated inclement weather use of Southeast School by the Mansfield Recreation Department

Programs

Liberty Bank Grant – Study Island Through May 30, 2009

Grade 3				Grade 4			
Math		Reading		Math		Reading	
Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct
45,562	86.4	18,919	71.73	39,081	84.97	14,012	69.23

**Number of questions attempted on grade level*

Security

- Facilitated purchases for second Security Grant for all four schools.

Energy

- Implemented school building energy committees.
- Implemented new guidelines for after school building use in an effort to reduce energy consumption.
- Reduced hall lighting in hallways in all 4 schools and some classrooms at MMS.
- Monitored use of energy efficient refrigerators to replace classroom use of small refrigerators.

Communication

- Conducted two Community Conversation opportunities at each school.
- Directed district response and dissemination of H1N1 virus information to appropriate staff email.
- Held monthly meetings with bargaining unit leaders.
- Disseminated Administrative Council minutes to all staff.
- Continued discussion with town and school librarians regarding summer program to provide library books by bus weekly.
- Distributed Books on Bus schedule to parents via kid mail and internet.
- Attended second Regionalization Committee meeting.
- Conducted Professional Development Steering Committee meeting.

Professional Development

- Conducted certified staff registration for 09-10 professional development strands.
- Conducted follow-up training and support AESOP attendance system.
- Sergeant Kodzis will arrange for an officer to be trained in radKIDS at a date to be determined.
- Distributed 2009-2010 Professional Development calendar to staff after meeting with Professional Development Committee and Administrative Council.
- Facilitated review by district committee of BEST Cooperating/Mentor Teacher applications.

Technology

Administrative Applications

- Continued implementation of HealthOffice Software.
- Implemented automated system for recording substitutes.
- Implemented spread sheet submission of winter language arts assessments.
- Continued review of Horizon library system software.
- Completed implementation of QNotify system for all 4 schools.

Other

- Attended CCM Negotiating in Tough Times Conference
- Attended RTI Collaboration meeting at EASTCONN
- Attended Business Continuity for Schools Workshop
- Participated in Closing Ceremonies at all four schools
- Facilitated annual end-of-year bus drivers' breakfast.
- Participated in supplemental meeting of Blueprint for Mansfield's Children Leadership Work Group.

Additional information will be provided upon request by calling 429.3350 or by emailing mboesupt@mansfieldct.org.

Upcoming Events in July:

Please join us at any/all of these events

GW	SE	VN
Summer Vacation	Summer Vacation	Summer Vacation
MMS		
Summer Vacation		
District		
MBOE Workshop 7/14/09 5:30pm Bishop Center Room 146		

Fall Open Houses:

Goodwin	Thursday, September 10, 2009
Southeast	Wednesday, September 9, 2009
Vinton	Wednesday, September 16, 2009
Middle School	Thursday, September 17, 2009